GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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ROAD TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any study has been conducted regarding the reasons for preferring road transport even though the travelling by rail is cheaper and environment friendly;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways has in 1996 carried out a study on decline in the share of Indian Railways in total land traffic.

(b)&(c): The report brought out that the decline in Railways share` was on account of demand exceeding available capacity. In order to augment capacity, Railways have introduced new services progressively on various routes and accommodation has been augmented on several existing services.